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The Daily Beat

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MSU-B pulls in grants for Indian education

By The Gazette Staff – August 4

Montana State University-Billings will receive \$293,290 in federal funds to recruit and train American Indian teachers and school administrators, U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings said Thursday.

<http://www.billingsgazette.net/articles/2006/08/04/news/local/65-ed-grants.txt>

FWP approves 140 bison licenses

By The Associated Press – August 4

The number of licenses to hunt bison that wander into Montana from Yellowstone National Park this winter will almost triple from last season, state wildlife commissioners decided Thursday.

To be noted: The correct cost is \$125 for Montana residents not \$75 as printed.

<http://www.billingsgazette.net/articles/2006/08/04/news/state/35-bison-licenses.txt>

Indian prayer service held for meth addicts

August 4

An American Indian church prayer ceremony begins at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Kenneth Beartusk grounds, 4.5 miles south of Lame Deer on Highway 39. It is open to all Indians who are struggling with addiction to methamphetamine, and their supporters.

For more information, call Rosalie Birdwoman at 477-8563. There is no need to call ahead if attending

<http://www.billingsgazette.net/articles/2006/08/04/news/state/88-prayerservice.txt>

Fires erupt over the skies of Blackfeet Country, blazing from Red Eagle Lake.

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter Editor - August 3, 2006

It was Friday afternoon, July 28, when smoke became visible from the visitor's center at St. Mary in Glacier National Park. Originating from a valley directly south of St. Mary in the Red Eagle drainage, the smoke rose from a site estimated to have been about two acres in size. While the cause of the fire is still under investigation, it began someplace around Red Eagle Lake, located at the west end of the canyon ending at Triple Divide Pass.

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Cobell legislation hopes fade in committee

Posted: August 04, 2006

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., announced Aug. 2 that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will withhold a bill to settle the *Cobell v. Kempthorne* trust funds lawsuit from the full Senate until September. The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, chaired by McCain with Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., in the vice-chairman's seat, had planned a vote on the bill. But late Aug. 1, McCain withdrew it from the scheduled agenda.

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Montana University System Awarded Grant to Serve Low-Income and First-Generation College Students

The Montana Educational Talent Search program, located in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education Office, was awarded a \$2,270,656 four-year grant by the U.S. Department of Education. The funding will continue to help low-income and first-generation college students in 32 middle schools and high schools on the Crow, Northern Cheyenne, Flathead, and Blackfeet Indian

Reservations as well as the city of Great Falls prepare for postsecondary success.

"I am very excited about the renewal of this program. This will enable our office to continue to provide critical pre-college access services to Montana's low-income, first-generation students," said Commissioner Sheila Stearns.

Educational Talent search is one of the federal TRIO programs created in 1965 under Title IV of the Higher Education Act to provide equal opportunity for higher education to all Americans regardless of race, ethnic background, or economic circumstance. TRIO programs have formed the core of Montana postsecondary access efforts for over thirty years. Currently there are 26 TRIO programs serving 9,306 Montana Students and adults from middle school through graduate school.

Montana Educational Talent Search was first awarded to the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education Office in 1979 and over that time has assisted almost 15,000 Montana students. Montana Educational Talent Search offers services to ensure that students complete high school and successfully pursue college or vocational school. Services include: individual counseling, academic workshops and classes, role model speakers, high school course planning, college/career site visits, and postsecondary enrollment assistance.

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